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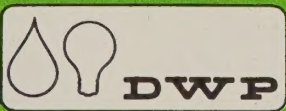
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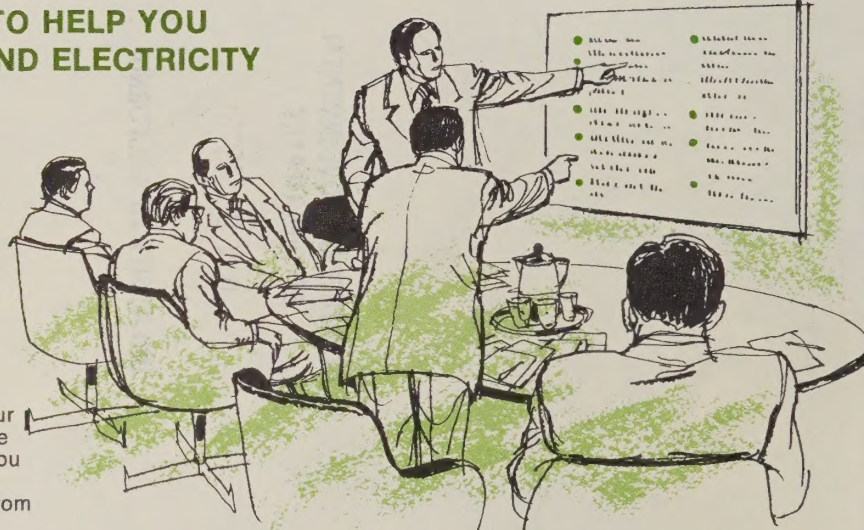
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# HOT WEATHER TIPS TO HELP YOU CONSERVE WATER AND ELECTRICITY

Here are a dozen basic conservation tips that will help you reduce your electric and water bills. The DWP urges you to put these suggestions into effect as soon as possible. For a more comprehensive list of conservation suggestions see the DWP's free booklet offer on the back page of this folder.

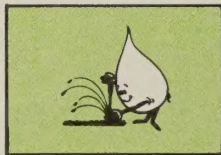


1. For economical cooling, set your air conditioner thermostat at the highest temperature at which you are comfortable. Keep the unit turned off when you are away from home for more than a day.
2. Keep interior lighting at the lowest visually acceptable level. Heat from home illumination and household appliances places added burden on cooling equipment and insofar as possible should not be used during the heat of the day.
3. Keep windows and doors closed as much as possible. Cover large glass areas with lined interior drapes. Install awnings or plantings to shade glass from direct sunlight.
4. Use exhaust fans or wind turbines in attic to prevent heat build-up. To reduce demands on cooling equipment use ventilators in the high-humidity areas where you cook, launder and bathe.
5. Insulating attics and outside walls, and weatherstripping all windows and outside doors, helps prevent excessive heat entry and cool air escape. Blown-in insulation tends to compact and lose its efficiency after several years so consider the value of re-insulating. It's not expensive and it's an excellent investment in comfort.
6. Regular inspection and maintenance of your air conditioning system is recommended. Change air filters frequently.
7. When painting or repainting your home exterior, remember that light colors lessen heat absorption by reflecting sunlight; dark colors absorb and retain the sun's heat.

## Reduce Your Water Bill With These Simple Procedures



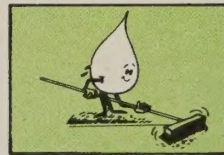
**A.** Check faucets, toilets, valves and sprinklers for leaks. Even a small leak when flowing continuously can add dollars to your bill.



**B.** Adjust sprinklers to water the lawn, not the sidewalk or street.  
**C.** Don't leave an open hose running on the ground; the water may run off and be wasted.



**D.** Spike holes in sloping lawns, dig basins around trees, to retain water and prevent wasteful run-off.



**E.** Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off sidewalks and driveways.